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Also -

**Establishing a Culture of Transparency and Certainty with Co-Regulators and the Regulated Community**

- R5 ECAD strives to work very closely with our State, Local, and Tribal partners to protect public health by being transparent and providing clear expectations when addressing issues with the regulated community.
- We establish transparency with the regulated community by clearly addressing issues of compliance by providing timely inspection reports communicating what issues need to be addressed (if any) and staying consistent about the issues at hand and what must be done to resolve these issues. This approach helps to establish clear expectations with the regulated community.
- R5 ECAD is always willing to listen to the regulated community about innovative ideas that may address issues of non-compliance.

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Just fyi, I was curious about the specific language so I looked it up.

**Vulnerable communities:**

R5 ECAD will continue to identify EJ areas as part of its targeting process and will be responsive to community concerns by focusing on inspections at sources raised by the community. These types of inspections are usually well understood by the State and will require coordination and planning. All programs will seek assistance from the Region's TMPO regarding targeting and community involvement.

R5 ECAD convened, supported, and collaborated with the Cities of East St. Louis and Centreville in Illinois, St. Claire County, Illinois EPA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Southern Illinois University, and HeartLands Conservancy Organization in looking at flooding, sewage back-up, and drainage and water quality issues in local environmental justice communities from a watershed perspective. These issues are being looked at together, and a plan of action is being prepared. This plan will include compliance monitoring and enforcement as necessary to resolve issues.

